

Application No. 09/896,987  
Amendment Dated August 9, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of July 26, 2005

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

By this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended. Claims 1-13 are pending.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 - 13 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Steiner (GB 2,274,094A).

As set forth in the specification and claims of the subject application, the subject invention relates to a low headroom, telescope bridge crane, wherein the two pairs of elongated enclosed tracks are disposed parallel and besides each other. See, for example, Figs. 2 wherein the pairs of enclosed tracks are coplanar with each other. By so doing the space taken up by those tracks is kept to an absolute minimum. While, the Steiner reference may also disclose a low headroom, telescoping bridge crane assembly, the tracks are not disposed in the manner of the subject invention and the examiner's conclusion to the contrary is respectfully submitted as being erroneous. In particular, the examiner has taken the position that:

"Re claim 1, Steiner teaches a system 1 for suspending a load over a floor, said system comprising a first 3, second 3, third 2a and fourth 2a elongated, enclosed hollow tracks. . . said upwardly extending leg of said first hanger being connected to said third track to support said third track beside and parallel to said first track . . . said upwardly extending leg of said second hanger being connected to said fourth track to support said fourth track beside and parallel to said second track . . ."

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Even a cursory study of the Steiner patent reveals that the third track 2a is not beside and parallel to the first track 3 and the fourth track 2a is not beside and parallel to the second track 3. To make this distinguishing feature of applicant's invention even clearer, Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the "upwardly extending leg of said first hanger being connected to said third track to support said third track immediately adjacent beside said first track whereupon said first and second tracks are coplanar" and that the "upwardly extending leg of said second hanger being connected to said fourth track to support said fourth track immediately adjacent beside said second track, whereupon said second and fourth tracks are coplanar." Moreover, and quite significantly, Claim 1 has also been amended to specify that the runway frame is "disposed horizontally between said first and second tracks and being coplanar therewith". This feature also isn't shown nor suggested by the Steiner reference. All of these features work together to result in a telescoping crane which is compact, simple in construction, yet which exhibits an extremely low headroom.

Claims 2 - 13 depend directly or indirectly upon Claim 1 and are hence patentable for reasons similar thereto.

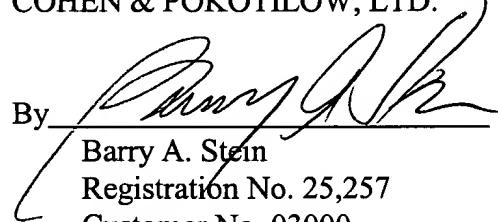
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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